

Landfill Bulldozer Not Working

ONE OF THE big bulldozers needed to properly run Lorain's sanitary landfill garbage disposal operation broke down last week and still is not working, according to Service Director Elio Jacobozzi.

The breakdown means that it will be difficult — if not impossible — to properly bury garbage and run the east side landfill according to state Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

Last week Jacobozzi said that the city has lost the use of a privately owned bulldozer. The bulldozer, owned by Brotherton Disposal, a private garbage firm, was borrowed by the city after the state cited the Cromwell Park trash burying operation for not following health regulations.

Brotherton pulled its bulldozer out after the city refused to accept garbage from the firm anymore. The city was forced to forbid businesses outside Lorain and other cities to dump garbage by the owner of the property the landfill is on — U.S. Steel.

U.S. Steel recently told Lorain not to take in anymore outside garbage at the landfill after the company granted the city an extra six months to find another landfill site. Previously the company had said the city had to be off its property by July 1.

Jacobozzi said last week that the city could properly run the landfill without the Brotherton bulldozer only if all the city equipment was running. Since Lorain has to run the equipment hard — up to 12 or 18 hours a day — breakdowns are common. He conceded that it was only a matter of time until one of the bulldozers or other pieces of equipment broke down.

"We're doing all right even with the breakdown," he said

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